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"If our friends who favor us with manu cripts and illustrations for publication wis to have rejected articles returned they mus in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

By selecting OSCAR S. STRAUS to head the Public Service Commission in this district Governor WHITMAN political significance, and definitely the future? rejected an opportunity to strengthen his political machine. The tempta tion to deal otherwise with this patronage was not inconsiderable; the Governor is ambitious and there are precedents to sustain a course contrary to that he followed. No citizen desirous of seeing the commission remain a respectable executive agency will withhold from the Governor credit for his abstention from parti-

Of Mr. STRAUS'S fitness for the office no New Yorker needs to be informed Educated as a lawyer, successful as new chairman.

Pyramiding for Charity.

Because there is sense and honesty in the question which it puts, and because others may share the doubt expressed by its writer, THE SUN to be at least as effective as autocratic communication

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Was that a moral act of the Atlanta preacher who, pyramiding an investment of \$100 in cotton, and holding as the market stands to-day \$20,000 worth of the stable. intends to devote his profits to supplying industrial education for poor chi dren? It seems to me the end does not autte tustify the means. H. A. "NEW YORK, December 9."

Since the need is so worthy, our puzsled correspondent must consider the means occuliarly immoral. There is Scriptural precedent even for the use of what some exponents of fine spun morality have called tainted money But the money which the Atlanta clergyman proposes to devote to his enterprise of practical usefulness bears no taint. He has shown both shrewdness and courage in turning his small investment into a respectable working capital. His profits represent a legitimate increment. He

Casulstry and sophistry may make of this act an offence, and pyramiding is not to be commended to all who have charitable impulses; but for settlement of his qualms we should like to refer "H. A." to a committee of the prospective beneficiaries of the profitable speculation.

did not heard his money, but "went

forth and traded with the same" and

The Aeroplane as a Vessel.

Collector MALONE of the Port of New York has decided after conferring with his customs experts that an in England, which created a good seroplane is a vessel and that the deal of dissatisfaction among physiaviator is a sailing master. This decision will go to Washington for approval or rejection by the head of the Treasury Department. If Secretary method of providing against losses by McAnoo upholds the view of Collector accidents in various occupations has MALONE the question will arise as to been legalized in some States. whether or not any particular aeroplane is a war vessel, and that question naturally will go to the Secreany such craft arriving from a foreign country may be a war vessel.

The Hon. JOSEPHUS DANIELS, alentrance into the navy such a satuglanced down a companionway and sickness would be \$680,000,000. exclaimed: "I'll be jigged if the About 35 per cent. of illness amonthing ain't holler!" If an aeroplane the working people demands relief is a vessel under a decision of the by private or public charity. The Treasury Department, then a hostile sanitary conditions of factories, of aeroplane will be a war vessel if the fices or stores need to be guarded question ever comes up before Secre- but they are of far less import that absence of the hollowness that is one clothing. The latter may be imother vessels, marine or not.

course the vessel of which Mr. Ma- from increased wages. LONE'S decision sets CARLSTROM down bear in mind the far reaching prece- economic causes of disease. rise and point.

Is This Sound Reasoning? What the President said in his mes sage as to reasons why the Govern-

ment "cannot omit to begin" the con-

"Canital cannot accommilab this task of a sudden." What instrumentality for sudder

employ that capital could not? "It is evident that only the Govern

accomplishment could Government

assume the initial financial rick." What is the evidence? Is it the

invariably assumed the initial finanhas deprived his appointment of any Government" can do these things in cent results, without serious encroach

"When the risk has passed and pri vate capital begins to find its way in sufficient abundance into these new chan nels the Government may withdraw."

Would private capital ever "find its way in sufficient abundance" where the Government was an active, well equipped competitor, and where the competitor "may"-and may not-

Dr. Ellot on Efficiency.

Dr. CHARLES W. ELIOT must hav shocked the civil service reformers a business man, skilled in diplomacy. when he said at the meeting of their experienced in the management of national league in Philadelphia that commercial and public affairs, not "if the free Governments cannot orunsophisticated as to the wiles of ganize and maintain as effective arpoliticians, he seems peculiarly well mies and navies as the autocratic Govequipped for a difficult and exacting ernments can and fight as well as the Naturally, much will be ex- autocratic Governments do, they will pected of him, and there is no man in not survive the attacks of despotic town who can face the expectations Governments." As stated, the propoof his fellows on reentering their ser- sition is sound enough, but those civil vice with greater confidence than the service reformers who are dedicated to peace at any price will deplore the military spirit of Dr. Elior's statement. He went on to say :

"If the free Governments are to conlieve, or maintain, that their cause is the cause of justice, free government, the cause of justice, free government, stated Washington, the musicians playthree Governments are to continue to live in Europe, or in the world the cause of justice, free government, stated Washington, the musicians playstruments, &c., can be sent to the American Girls Aid, Pier 57, North River, Conquering Hero Comes." at large, they must prove themselves comments briefly upon the subjoined Governments in developing industrial, be expected until one side or the a proprietary remedy and asked one commercial, financial and military effi-

All autocratic Governments do no lisplay military efficiency, however. practise it leaves much to be desired by the Petrograd Government. The brave Turkish army fights much more fight no longer. Yet the statesmen on effectively when disciplined and led both sides profess to be ready to dis-be in some way a useful seat holder ville the audience yields it a grudged by Clerman officers; and even the Australia and patronizing ripple. Yet how empty by German officers; and even the Austrians made a sorry showing in the field until the German General Staff took hold of them. We fancy the free Governments can organize and Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy citizens are thoroughly aroused to the importance of an adequate system of national defence, but getting them to the point is almost a labor of Sisyphus. Dr. Eliot is doing his best, and he renders a public service by preaching the German doctrine of thoroughness whenever he has an opportunity to talk to his fellow coun-

Sickness Insurance.

One of the chief causes of poverty among the masses is the absence of foresight to prevent distress in time of sickness. For many years private cooperative societies have sought to solve this problem, with more or less success, but no Government recognized its responsibility on this score until Germany initiated a law providng for sickness insurance for its wage earners, which has contributed largely to their welfare.

A few years ago a plan of sickness insurance was proposed and enacted cians, but it appears to work out fairly well for the protection of the working people. In this country a

An officer of the United States Public Health Service, assigned to the Commission on Industrial Relations. tary of the Navy. There is always brought out the startling fact that the possibility, since aeroplanes are sickness produces seven times as much used chiefly for war purposes, that destitution as accidents. It was ascertained that each of the 30,000,000 wage earners in the United States though from the upland region of his loses in the course of a year nine favored State, has become since his days by reason of illness. At an average value of labor of \$2 a day rated salt that he would not think of the loss to the wage earners of the applying the test discovered by one United States from sickness is \$500. of his predecessors in office, who 000,000. If the expenditure for phyafter being received on board a war sicians and medicines be added. vessel with all the appropriate honors amounting to \$180,000,000, the cost of

tary Daniels, notwithstanding the bad dwellings, inadequate food and of the chief characteristics of all proved only by higher wages, as Surgeon-General Gorgas has so well The custom house decision was pointed out. This great sanitarian made by Collector MALONE in the case attributes the favorable health conof an aviator named Carlstrom who ditions of the Panama Zone as com-

Canada after a daring flight. Of try to better living conditions arising his first characteristic book of poems

There is no immediate prospect of as master is not a warship; but in an increase in wages of the average making or affirming decisions the workers sufficient to enable them to heads of Federal departments must secure for themselves freedom from early assumed, and reappeared so reg-

dents their action may establish. It | Since the present methods of disis not likely that any head of a de ease prevention and cure are expenpartment is unaware of the questions sive, the commission recommends a to which the arrival of Captain Cart- new method based on the cooperative and find in him echoes of Kears and STROM'S vessel may eventually give action of those responsible for these others. But artists, like other folks, conditions. A system of sickness in surance is regarded as the most feasible single remedy. The right of the since 1798, when the law taxing regisstruction, ownership and operation of tered vessels for the support of the merchant ships analyzes somewhat Marine Hospital Service was passed lined by the commission, providing for a national sickness insurance commission, composed of representatives of employers and employees in lyrics. Form was his idol. equal ratio, with the Federal Commissioner of Labor Statistics and the ment can undertake such beginnings and Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service as ex officio members.

The antagonism encountered many times greater beginnings and doubtless be multiplied when the commission's recommendations are offered cial risk? Because capital has done in the shape of a Congressional act. these things in the past, is that what It is to be hoped, however, that a makes it "evident" that "only the measure which promises such benefiment upon the individual, may be calmly and judiciously considered. The wage earner is the hone and sinew of the land. To preserve his physical, mental and moral integrity should be an important aim of legislative action.

> The German Chancellor on Peace The only effect of Chancellor vox BETHMANN-HOLLWEG's speech in the Reichstag upon the subject of peace will naturally be a reiteration by Great Britain and her allies of their purpose to continue the war until their cause is triumphant. "Re the journey long or short, we shall not in his Guildhall address on November "until we have secured for the smaller States of Europe their charter of independence, and for Europe itself, and for the world at large, their final emancipation from the reign of force."

many is not fighting to subjugate other nations, but "for the protection of life and liberty," both sides bethe case, overtures for peace cannot or, its resources dwindling, finds itself unable to continue the struggle. Scientific warfare as the Russians that the war was a war of exhaustion, implying that neither side would submit or surrender until it could Wednesday in the House of Commons and Chancellor von BETHMANN-HOLLweg in the Reichstag yesterday. As in Atlantic City. maintain effective armies when their and Japan are leagued together to

the five nations league. When we come to examine the and other talkative reformers: German Chancellor's discussion of possible terms of peace we find that peace is conditioned upon the subadmit their inferiority and impotence then they are to be held responsible

for the continuation of the war. If the Chancellor's speech is notable for the intimation that Germany centive attitude as regards peace. there is illogical insistence that her and it is known that there has been may, however, be relieved by working

the Serbian mines. Optimists will no doubt point to the Chancellor's declaration that "We do not fight to subjugate other nations" and fondly indulge the hope that Germany would consider proposals to evacuate Belgium, although notice is served that Alsace-Lorraine will not be surrendered, nor apparently Poland, since in the case of both provinces the nationality argument is used to prove Germany's title to them. All the comfort that optimism can extract from the Chancellor's long heralded speech is that peace was his opic, and that when Ministers begin o talk about peace there is at least silver lining to the black cloud of war. In this case only a partial eye enn discern it.

Stephen Phillips.

Although he had not reached by twenty years his threescore and tenit seems, now that STEPHEN PHILLIPS s dead, as though a veteran of English letters had passed. Born in 1868, it was not until he had attained his aried from our friendly neighbor paried with other sections of the countiwenty-eighth year that he published

"Christ in Hades." That was only nineteen years ago; but PHILLIPS so quickly established his reputation, hewed so faithfully to the line It ularly that the years lengthened pleasantly for his readers.

It would be easy, too easy, to analyze Phillips's thought and style. are appreciated for that in their words and deeds which differentiates the individual from the herd. PHIL-Federal Government to tax industries LIPS turned his gift of graceful dicfor this purpose has been recognized tion, his poetic imagination, his tech- was an old school, situated in the centre nique into a single channel. The days the blind soldiers are able to be thread that runs through the web of out in the air. his artist life is his devotion to Greek An extensive scheme for a Federal ideals. Always he endeavored to cast system of sickness insurance is out- modern thought in the mould of Hellenic philosophy of the beautiful. This

was acted, badly, in New York half a to fact that capital has undertaken the State compensation acts will lished high position in British literature that his works of the last few years were accepted so calmly.

> When is BRYAN going to hold his onvention?

In the name of safety first scandaously unscientific Dan Cupid should warn his eminent but somewhat careess messenger, the stork, to be particularly wary when he visits Chicago.

into the jaws of death and the fumes of hell with them." Setting down naught for the Hon Liw's tropical of hell with them." Setting down naught for the Hon. Jim's tropical hyperbolification, has he not expressed typewriting, printing the books for the the sedate citizen's notion of heroics blind and various kinds of furniture rein his denial? "Jaws of death" and pairing.

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON, SO SAVS Chief Scout West, lost his office of buildings, especially as the ground was Chief Scout because he objected to particularly muddy and their shoes were pause or falter," said Mr. Asquire patriotism. But he got back into the both legs and his eyesight timidly asked papers, which, for so modest a soul.

the career in Congress of the Hon. living in this way. Isaac Bachrach, the new Representative from the Million Dollar Pier dis-lins, mandolins, &c., and I am sure the trict of New Jersey, should prove to be if we asked some of our committees As the Imperial German Chancellor declares in the Reichstag that Gerlantic City made the journey to Wash-pittful part was that they were so very ington "accompanied by 160 Bachrach boosters" and a brass band trained to boosters' and a brass band trained to seem drown the booming of the wild Atlan- way, but whose faces were so tic surf on the Jersey sands. Bach- disfigured that it was repulsive to tal took them for the advertising outfit of other is decisively beaten in the field another "Who is the corn curing hero?" phant passage Bachrach wrote to the appropriate officials at the House ask-Six months ago Mr. Asquith said ing for the reservation of 160 seats in the private galleries from which his tion into office. He got all but 159 of ciety ignores it. Editors ignite the the seats he demanded. Still it may pipes with it. The superstage does n be that Mr. BACHRACH will turn out to hear it, and when it is sprung in vaude after his departure a fife and drum and irrational, how morally paltry, corps may furnish not inappropriate noise when he alights from the train honorable.

Asquiru's of them indicate that those members bert Smith of "The Wassail Bowl,"

this country of Charles F. Aked dis-declassed, in the discard apparently for closes the fact that in all the world good. What is the reason of this? mission of the enemies of "life and there is not to-day a more appropriate liberty" who forced Germany into the spot for his environment than the ves-

thrust down the throats of the Allies A workman of a gang employed in but which otherwise they would never razing the "Grover House" in Caldwell. and digestion of the play on words. Reaccept. If the Allies are not ready to N. J., one of the homes of Grover gard the faces about you when the CLEVELAND, found a cigar between par-titions marked with a date showing the old rich fallow of his early recolt to be more than fifty years old. He lection, attempts to "put over" smoked it and pronounced it good but the display of repressed and throttled "a little strong." Cigars are not supposed to improve greatly with age.

Mr. Cleveland was a man of broad mind, and he left to his secretary. —in the cabled version nothing is said about her allies—is confident of DAN LAMONT, afterward a Cabinet victory but is nevertheless in a retails of the White House receptions. done to death by the attitude of the It was told at the time that on a punster toward it. morning after the President had en- ways had this pusillanimous defensive resources in foodstuffs are adequate, and that her command of copper, so essential in the manufacture of ammunition, is all that could be desired. Yet submarine warfare was waged to frustrate England's attempt to starve the German nation into submission.

morning after the President had entertained the Congressmen of his tertained the Congressmen of his party he said to his secretary: "Dan-led to himself, after excertaining the complaining of a lack of democratic simplicity last night." "I don't see why they should," replied Lamont.

"I had three jugs of it set around uptoes and this pusulanmous defensive tongue in the cheek deportment. Dr. Holmes himself, after excertaining the party he said to his secretary: "Dan-led to get t to find it." When the White House posturing derision the inescapable is torn down something may be found of a posture. Between the two insincerities has been snuffed out a form of humor which at its worst always a dearth of copper in Germany, which that has really improved with age.

Representative Moon, chairman of carried its own punishment of annihila the House Post Office Committee, proposes a law for the election of United States marshals, district attorneys, collectors of internal revenue and postmasters by vote of the people. The ballot now being too short.

St. Louis it is, and in midsummer hot and beery, but none who must go to political conventions should comdain; it might have been Kansas

No, the hyphen is not mightier than the sword.

To the Lady Eglantine We greet you, Lady Eglantine, Our homage render, You hundred thousand dollar hen

But sometimes, crave you not a life

Would you not rather lay an egg Securely hidden. And scratch some neighbor's flower bed For seeds forbidden?

The problem tackles. Are you contented to reflect

FRENCH HOSPITALS. Conditions and Needs of the Blinded Mr. Mearns's Advice to England Can

Soldlers. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th the blind, under the direction of Mr. Val-

lery-Radot. This institution is supported generous, nearly all the money collected has to be used for food and running expenses. They are in great need of all kinds of clothing, especially socks, bedroom slippers, shoes and shirts as well as handkerchiefs. The building "On entering the building we were

first shown into a large room, which must have been a recitation hall, as there was a platform at one end where a plane had been placed, and one of the lenic philosophy of the beautiful. This is true not only of his dramas but of his lesser compositions and even his lyrics. Form was his idol.

"Paolo and Francesca" was his his his was termind away from their affliction helps them. At both sides of this conduct be left very largely in the hands of those who know thoroughly its intrications. Form was his idol.

"Paolo and Francesca" was his his high water mark. One of his plays was acted, badly, in New York half a to been self-supporting a singing lesson to a conduct be left very largely in the hands of those who know thoroughly its intrications had of occupation that takes their mind away from their afflictions helps them. At both sides of this room were soldiers making macrame hade. They hope by selling their work to be conduct be left very largely in the hands of those who know thoroughly its intrications of the self-will introduce the left very largely in the hands of those who know thoroughly its intrications of the property of the conduct be left very largely in the hands of those who know thoroughly its intrications. It was terribly sad to see him, but any kind of occupation that takes their mind away from their afflictions. Risks cannot be undertaken without hope of a reasonable return. Developwas acted, badly, in New York half a dozen years ago. It is perhaps to be regarded as testimony to his estabwere very much encouraged when I said this, and one poor fellow, a young of-ficer who has lost all his family and is now penniless, said that he would work night and day. He was one of the most night and day. He was one of the most interesting men I talked to, as he seemed to be very intelligent, and on inquiring what he had done before the war he said that he had been a reporter for son

newspaper.
"They have 200 blind soldiers in this institution. The soldiers are sent to them after they leave the hospitals and are not able to return to their families. The Hon. Jim Cummins says he some of the men have no families and knows that there was nothing heroic about the James boys because "I rode It is astonishing what courage these men brushes, cane chairs, basket making "Some of the men had their bare fee

in their shoes, there being a lack of socks, and they must have been cold in going back and forth to the different boys being taught American very poor. One poor fellow who had low mandolin, as he has been very fond of music and felt sure that with a little pitiful part was that they were so very

MARIE-L. PROVENCHER. NEW YORK, December 9.

THE PUN.

Philosophy of a Form of Humor Said to Be Moribund in This Country.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: boosters could witness his induc- is the fashion to despise the pun. Still it may pipes with it. is wholesale condemnation! The history of the pun is brilliant an

Its use informs all litera the Church, both in England and Amer Official and unofficial reports from ica, has held it relevant to a moral purfrom the other side would be considered, but obviously on the basis of licking good time at its promoter's exered, but obviously on the basis of licking good time at its promoter's excomplete acceptance of the terms of pense have been bitterly disappointed. with dignity as well as with effect.

In America, where, too, a not ignobit Imagine spending a sea trip listening history envelops the play on words. to the preachments of BEN LINDSET where from Mather Byles through Documents and the play of the play tor Holmes to Father Tabb a tradition of antness and trenchancy has been Dispassionate study of the career in maintained, in America the pun is not It is the ineradicable crawling self-consciousness innate in human nature war, and that the Chancellor's pro-sel which shelters the members of the spectus contains terms that might be litney peace mission. The apologetic smirk, the side the pun. The apologetic smirk, the sid giancing deprecatory giggle or grunt, the replete phenomena of a self-excuipatory

contributed both to cogency and cornscation. S. K. Wilson. SWARTHMORE, Pa., December 9.

Fire Protection for Washington Heights.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: With reference to the letter of "H. L. C." in THE SUN of December 8, it will be doubtless of interest to many of your readers on Washington Heights to know that this association, after presenting the facts in regard to the proposed removal of En-gine Company No. 38 from its present location at 154th street and Amsterdan avenue, backed by petitions signed by many hundreds of residents and busines people of Washington Heights, has con vinced the Fire Commissioner that the proposed change should not be made. We have this morning received a notification o this effect from the Hon. Rober Adamson, Fire Commissioner

Secretary Washington Heights payers Association. New York, December 9.

A Young Burleson That boy of mine has the keenest im igination, but it's a negative one; for ex ample, he thinks he only spent \$5 on that chicken house he built, but it actually

"Don't worry about that, old man. Tha may be the head of our Post Offic Department some day."

GOVERNMENT OWNED SHIPS.

Be Applied to America. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SI

following official report on one of the hospitals for the blind in France has been sent by Miss Hollingsworth of the Cunard Steamship Company of Liver-American Girls Aid Organization: A word may not be out of place with

A word may not be out of place with reference to the imposition by the State of limitations upon ship owners. It is not too much to claim that the development of the British mercantile marine is the result very largely of initiative and enterprise developed and realized by those independent bodies which direct the fortunes of the hig chicago manufact. as restrictions are imposed upon the exer-cise of their expert judgment in matters appertaining to the ever increasing prob-lems that confront them, their usefulness Modern transit is so complex, a combin and economics are the most evident, mod ern shipping is so flexible and adaptable

hope of a reasonable return. Develoments necessary for the continuance our all important foreign trade canno be carried out if a well meaning bu short sighted policy to followed by

From such an authority as Mr. Mearns, those remarks ought to carry weight on our side of the water. It would also be well if some of our enthusiasts for Government owned ships would ponder upon the disastrous result of the West Australian Government's New York, December 9.

SAID "CLUBBER" WILLIAMS. A Long Ago Talk With a Noted Po liceman on Pistol Carrying.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter of "John Worthy" in THE portion of the community may learn something from the well equipped and especially privileged minority, the gunrecalls a talk I had with Police Captain Alexander S. Williams before here was any Sullivan law and when there was any Sullivan law and when the minds even of experts, means cooked the law forbade only "the carrying of and that is bad enough. The collards concealed weapons.

cold shield on his coat was a reward for excellence in clubbing. "No: I didn't get this one for club-

tudded shield and suggested, ferring this is the one you had in mind."

The conversation turned to the then their regimen, but all so "properly cooked," their distress would have been cooked," their distress would have been cooked. existing law against carrying concealed existing law against carrying concealed weapons, and I asked him whom the law prevented from carrying pocket firearms, for example.

"All law abiding persons," he and all law abiding persons," he and collections are articles of food, wheat maize, as the same articles of food wheat maize are the same articles of food wheat maize are the same articles of food wheat maize are the same

"Any others?"
"Not that I know of.

"Then the law puts those who obey at a disadvantage." I suggested.
"Not very much." Williams replied.
Few men in these parts except crooks now how to use a revolver."
"How about the police?" That was pefore any good system of instruction and practice had been introduced in the

"Well, many of them couldn't his the side of a mountain even if their revolvers could be made to go off." said

"What's a concealed weapon?"

"One carried out of sight." "Then I have one in my hip pocket."
"Have you a permit?"
"No: it's a handkerchief. I could strangle a feeble man to death with it."

I asked Captain Williams if I had the right under the law to carry a revolver, shotgun or rifle in my hand if I deemed

What would happen to me?" I asked

"But the crowd would be the disat you provoked the disorder. I haven't talked with Captain Willms since the Sullivan law went into

NEW YORK, December 9.

ITALIAN VICTORIES.

ertainly deeply indebted, and should lieves to be the position of whether the including thanks for the brilliant farmers wish adequate national defence. victories which THE SUN is daily winning for the Italian army. May I ask what the sense is of inventing victories which have never been won and never could be won?

Italy declared war on Austria-Hun-gary on May 23, 1915. Since that day her entire fishting strength has been thrown against the comparatively small Austrian-Hungarian force which dethe Austrian frontler against ends Italy. At a low estimate 500,000 Italian soldiers, the flower of the Italian army. to break the Austrian line on the Isonzo and the Tyrolean frontier. No appreciable gains have been made as every-body knows, and there cannot be any loubt that the present desperate effort clared war against the Allies you could like its predecessors and the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Allies you could like its predecessors and line of the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Allies you could like its predecessors and line of the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Allies you could like its predecessors and line of the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Isonzo line will, bet your life to the Isonzo line will let like its predecessors, end in failure.

Doubtless history will characterize italy's part in the great world's war in the great world war in the great war

ell as does any person of intelligenacts to report the capture of "many Austrian fortresses" by the Italian army

CHARLES KIENER. WASHINGTON, D. C., Decemb

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-

our valued newspaper of December ou say of Ohio O. Barber that "perhap f whose given names is Ohio vill turn to your "Who's Who in Ame ca" you will find Melvin Ohio Adams of this State, president of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, a naive of Ashburnham, a town which is lotted with memorials of his generosity in fine one of the citizens of Massachusetts whom it would be most i Boston, December 9.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STN-SI lidn't we obtain all the concessions In the North American Review for Decem-IRONTON, Chile, December 9.

Mrs. Knicker-How would you like oair of curtains for a Christmas present? Knicker—Fine: and Ill give you some igurs to keep the moths out of the

An easy one this year.

The Fashion With skating rinks on every roof. it surely would appear That Santy ought to find his job CAUSE OF PELLAGRA.

Vas the Public Health Service Experiment Properly Conducted?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: recently been reported that the epoch making experiment ending in the discovery that the cause of pellagra is a lack of protein in the diet, and that the cure is the addition of meat, eggs, Glasses and Brass Predom. milk, beans, peas and other proteid foods to the deficient diet. An institu-tion of girls is cited in which those who did the kitchen work and helpe hemselves freely to meat, eggs and milk id not incur the disease, the other inmates it was very preva-lent. Convicts were fed for five month mush, grits, brown gravy, syrup, corn bread, cabbage, sweet potatoes, rice, col-lards, coffee and sugar, and six out of eleven contracted pellagra, The usual nervous, gastro-intestinal and skin symptoms appeared. Four famous med toal men pronounced the disease in these

is reported, but there is excellent reaon for pronouncing unjustifiable the nterpretation placed upon them, namely, interpretation placed upon them, namely, that the cause and cure of pellagra have been found to be related to variety

Thirty years of experimenting up myself enables me to say positively that the articles allowed the prisoners form an excellent diet if four of them are eliminated. I refer to brown gravy, syrup, coffee and sugar, which are not foods and are detrimental to health. But it will be conceded that these four items remaining eight articles, biscuits, mus grits, corn, cabbage, sweet potatoes rice and collards, are excellent foods Taken separately, any one of them will support life indefinitely. There is no support life indefinitely. There is no gainsaying this, for such exclusive diets have been adhered to at least as long of the "Lang-yoa" variety, showing as the Public Health Service's experi with no injury to health, but rather

onclusion reached by the experts. It subjects. So the question arises, what

report reads that the components of the dietary were "properly cooked." Here is the clue to the dire effects upon these unfortunate men. "Properly cooked." in

E. D. BRINKERHOFF
FALL RIVER, Mass., December 9.

FOR PREPAREDNESS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th unfortunate impression that the farmer of North Carolina are opposed to any in crease in the nation's military strength created by a resolution recently

As president of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention, I challenged this resolution through one of the State "Maybe nothing at all. If a crowd called for a straw ballot asking whether followed you some policeman probably or not the farmers were in favor of adewould arrest you as disorderly."

[Additional of the farmers in the State, and called for a straw ballot asking whether or not the farmers were in favor of adewould arrest you as disorderly." quate preparation for national defence.

Mr. T. B. Parker, framer of the resoution, states in reply to my challenge that the resolution "does not speak for the farmers of North Carolina, but merely for the members of the union Is Mr. Kiener in Direct Communica-tion With the Austrian Frontier? who were present." Dr. Clarence Poe, a member of the executive committee of the union, states that frequent ap-peals for increased military efficiency To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: The General Staff of the Italian army is certainly deeply indebted, and should immediately cable to The Sun their enthusiastic thanks for the brilliant.

will fully counteract the impression that the reports of the Durham meeting have created outside of North Carolina.

MUCH VIRTUE IN AN IF.

never have been sunk.

That dastardly crime was enacted for

the purpose of intimidating the people You know that, of course, as of the United States and in revenge for our stand against Prussian autocracy

that he wantare. It is almost a certainty that he American vessel would have been touched when carrying passengers. Mr. Roosevelt would have shown his teeth to Germany when she first interfered with our shipping on the high seas and the Kalser would have respected us the more.

There can be received. It is almost a certainty of reelection. He explaints that he wanted to give "that he wan

countries are equipped and prepared to attack us when it may suit their purpose. Delay means further disrespect and possible humiliation. PERRY LUKENS. BREWSTER, December 5

The Prophet.

To the Entrol of The Sux-Sir: headline in this morning's Stn reads: "Bryan Thinks Wilson Programme Will Pail: Says Tax Problem Will Cause Difces and Defeat Defence Plan

ber Dr. David J. Hill discusses the commercial and Admirai B. A. Fiske the naval unpre-naredness of the United States, while Con-ressmand J. Fitzerald States, while Conparesiman J. J. Fitzgrand tells what the financial troubles of Congress will be. Sydney Brooks writes on England, Professor J. W. Jenks on China, L. A. Brown on prohibition and Winthrop Talbot on liliteracy, and the Rev. J. H. Holmes considers whether Christ Rev. J. H. Holmes considers whether Christ preached non resistance. On the literary side Louise C. Willeox writes on John Galsworthy and Altee I. P. Wood on Osear Wilde, J. S. Auerbach contributes a story and Arthur D. November 29, 11e st.

ART COLLECTION OF C. E. LOCKE ON YIEW

Glasses and Brass Predominate in Exhibition.

1,000 ARE TO BE SOLD

The Charles E. Locke art collect was placed on view yesterday in galleries of the American Art Association tion. It consists of Oriental porcela and carvings, antique glass of Europe and American manufacture, old pew brass and copper. At the same time library of Dr. Edward E. Worl Newark, N. J., which includes ma works upon art subjects, was exhibite.

Mr. Locke, as a collector, had a sclectic taste, and his activities covered a wide range. His Chinese porcelain include single color pieces, wares deorated in several enamels, fragile and rare eggshell cups, and many bowls in the quiet brown and gray glazes that the Orientals themselves are fond of.

Among the single color pieces are many in brilliant red glazes, such as the pigeon red vase that bears the apocryphal character mark of the Hsuan-Te period; the hanging vase of the bulbous form with a crackle glaze "clots of blood," and the crushed strawberry bottle, with a texture of "pearsking

quality. There are bowls and vases in tur quoise, imperial yellow, blanc de Chine Among the latter are a bowl dating from the K'ang-hsi period that is decorated with a swastika motif relieved by eight panels that bear illustrations of sacden pavilions and figures in cobalt by

plates, cups and snuff bottles. The art objects in metal in art objects in metal include ta kards, pots, figures, trays and vases, and among them are some cloisonne piec An eighteenth century East Indi buddha represents a Civa deity standi on a raised tiered base, with her pali held out in a characteristic buddhist attitude. The figure is adorned with a attitude. elaborate headdress, while the garme The antique glass and antique me

divisions of the collection are large a both contain unusual specimens. The are whole cases of American presse dents, log cabins, American eagles bunches of grapes and other emblem and symbols, made by factories at Dyon ville, Pa.; Westford, Conn.; West Wi ington, New London and other places.

There are twenty specimens of Stiege

manufacture and much Greek, Roma Phonician and Sidonian glass. There are in fact large groups of antique glass from all the European countries, whan especial preponderance of old Behemian pieces and German glasses the have been decorated with enamels. Sor of these objects are decorated with tarms of noblemen, others have inscr ions and views.

like the glasses, come from many cou tries. There are Arabic brass materials, Dutch spice grinders, old ish bed warmers, coal hods. water urns and candlesticks. Altoget collection, the sale of which begins

cember 15. contains many volumes upon art st jects and many large books of travel library editions. Among them George Paston's "Social Carleature by Ricci: Fanny Herring's "Gerome with an introduction by Saint Co ture, the Dore "Dante" and man

place on December 13 and 14.

JADE ORNAMENTS, \$320. second Sale of Oriental Art Makes Total \$13,453,50

The jades excited the most interest the second day's sale of the Yang-s collection of Oriental art in the Edward I. Farmer was one of 474, three ornaments, a bell shaped perdant of the Han period, a figure of a sage in amber and a dog-foe in quarts. Mr. Farmer also gave \$275 for No. 472, a pair of flower jade ornaments, planted in cloisonne pots, and \$105 for No. 473, a pair of jade candelabra.

Other sales were: No. 316, a bealer vase of the Chieng-Lung period, for \$210, and No. 332, a gourd-shaped Mrg vase, for \$110, both to C. T. Crobber: No. 427, a hanging vase of jade, to 3.8.

CHURCHILL TO QUIT FEB. 1

Leaves Presidency of Board Education Then, He Says.

Thomas W. Churchill, president of members that he will not be a for reelection. He explained his business, and that his rel "I do not feel that I can longe

the sacrifices necessary tadministration of the off Churchill yesterday, "The w Mr. Churchill said that be

considered relinquishing remained to solve pressi expects that this will be a ruary 1, when his term exp between President Chur Mitchel for some time gan with the tight for board, and came to demand of the board for priations. Twice Mayor that if the members of the not keep within their they could resign.

Dr. Jacobi Heads termen Dr. Abraham Jacobs 1.

tento Knauth, who se we

Displayed in splendor. Devoid of glory, To be a common barn yard fow! Of simple story?

That money cackles?

was it that caused the damage convicts' health? The answer is not far to seek. The

rice, sweet potatoes, cabbage, grits and Meeting Williams one evening at mush were boiled. The biscuits and Broadway and one of the Tenderioin corn bread were baked. The mush was tross streets I asked him if the captain's fried. Pains were taken to have these things "properly cooked," and so I infer that they were thoroughly cooked. Thus on, Lack of variety had nothing to live on, Lack of variety had nothing to dive on, Lack of variety had nothing to do studded shield and suggested, "Perhaps with their pellagra. Had meat, eggs, with their pellagra.

> oven at 190 degrees by a self-registering thermometer, I will guarantee that the eleven convicts will all have better health at the end of five months than the other sixty-four prisoners

North Carolina Farmers' Resolution Not Popular Opinion.

preparation and I have received frequent plates after Boucher, Plemish are Farmers' Union.

but merely one of the measure of de-I ask ctories It is to be hoped that these results

ROGER ALDEN DERRY JACKSON SPRINGS, N. C., December 9.

doubt that the present desperate effort clared war against the Allies you could of Italy to force the Isonzo line will, bet your life that the Lusitania would

and German militarism.

1f Roosevelt had been President I do Austrian fortresses" by the Italian army, by then, I ask, are you featuring such lies in your paper?

Outputs Viven

> There can be no question about prenited States, when other

Was Mr. Bryan ever right in any of his NEW YORK, December 9.